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I. BELIEVE WE SHOULD VIEW OUR COVERT ACTION INITIATIVES IN TERMS OVERALL SOVIET AIM IN LATIN AMERICA AND HOW WE MAY BEST INHIBIT THEM TO EXTEND THEY BRING ABOUT DESIRED PRESSURE TOWARDS MORE COOPERATIVE POSTURE ON PART USSR. HOWEVER, DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN IGNORE NEED FOR COORDINATED OVERT MOVES SINCE COVERT ACTION ALONE MAY NOT SUFFICE. CHILE, WITH ITS APPROACHING ELECTION IN WHICH COMMUNIST UED POPULAR UNITY (UP) MOVEMENT STANDS GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING, WOULD APPEAR TO FULLFILL CRITERIA OF AN AREA WHERE "SOVIET PRESENCE AND/OR INTERESTS ARE SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL FACTORS." WERE UP AND, BY EXTENSION, SOVIET UNION TO SUCCEED IN CHILE IT WOULD BE MAJOR STRATEGIC SETBACK FOR U.S. AND CORRESPONDING VICTORY FOR USSR. SINCE SOVIETS HAVE VITAL STAKE IN ALLENDE/UP VICTORY, DENIAL THAT

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VICTORY AS RESULT USG COVERT INTERVENTION, WOULD BE CONSTRUED BY SOVIETS AS CLEAR MANIFESTATION OUR DETERMINATION REBUFF AND SOVIET ATTEMPT ESTABLISH ANOTHER BEACHHEAD IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

2. ABOVE COULD BE ACHIEVED WITHIN ESTABLISHED FRAMEWORK OF [REDACTED], THOUGH PROBABLY ON CONSIDERABLY LARGER SCALE AND WITH LESS CONCERN OVER RIGID MAINTENANCE OF LOW SILHOUETTE. OVERT DIPLOMATIC MOVES DESIGNED TO CONVINCE GOC THAT USG CONSIDERS ITS INTERESTS IN LATIN AMERICA JEOPARDIZED BY SOVIET INTERVENTION IN CHILE'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, SHOULD BE USED TO BUTTRESS COVERT ACTION. COVERT ACTION AGAINST ALLENDE CANDIDACY, IF DISCERNABLE AS USG-PROMOTED, WOULD PUT GOC (AND PRESUMABLY USSR) ON NOTICE THAT USG NOW WILLING TO MEET SOVIET CHALLENGE HEAD ON.

3. FON MIN VALDES' RECENT COMPLAINT TO AMB THAT USG APPEARS UNWILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TO ALLENDE'S DEFEAT, WOULD SEEM TO OFFER PERFECT OPENING. CHILEANS COULD BE TOLD, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR IN SANTIAGO, THAT USG VIEWS ALLENDE'S QUEST FOR POWER AS MAJOR SOVIET STRATEGEM

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PROMOTING USSR'S HEGEMONISTIC DESIGNS IN LATIN AMERICA.

FOR THAT REASON, RATHER THAN ALLOW SOVIET UNION EXPAND ITS
INFLUENCE IN LATIN AMERICA THROUGH AN ALLENDE UP VICTORY,
USG HAS DECIDED TO MODIFY STANCE ON NON-INVOLVEMENT. IN
CONTRIBUTING TO ALLENDE'S DEFEAT WE WORK TO SET BACK USSR.

4. IT MORE THAN LIKELY THAT ABOVE MESSAGE WILL SOONER
OR LATER REACH KREMLIN EARS, SURELY EXACERBATING SOVIET
SENSITIVITIES. IF ALLENDE SUFFERS DEFEAT ON UNANTICIPATED
SCALE AND IF THE USSR LINKS THIS OUTCOME TO USG INTER-
VENTION, THIS EVENT WOULD SPELL LONG TERM IMPACT, PUTTING
USSR ON NOTICE THAT WE CAN PLAY THEIR GAME EFFECTIVELY.

5. REALIZE ABOVE SUGGESTION TO USE FORTHCOMING
CHILEAN ELECTIONS AS VEHICLE FOR WARNING SOVIETS IS DOUBLE-
EDGED (I.E., WE MIGHT GET CAUGHT AND RAISE LATIN AMERICAN
HACKLES) AND ADDITIONALLY INVOLVES BOTH OVERT AND COVERT
ACTIVITIES. NEVERTHELESS WE INTERPRET QUERY FOR
NEW WAYS OF PUTTING PRESSURE ON SOVIETS [REDACTED]
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ON OTHER HAND,

OBVIOUS (TO SOVIETS) BUT UNPROVABLE DENIAL BY USG OF UP
VICTORY WOULD SHOW SOVIETS THAT USG WILLING TAKE
NECESSARY STEPS, EVEN THOUGH OUTSIDE ITS NEW DECLARED
LATIN AMERICAN POLICY FRAMEWORK, TO BLOCK SOVIET EXPANSION
OF INFLUENCE IN LATIN AMERICA EVEN WHEN "PEACEFUL" (I.E.,
THROUGH ELECTIONS).

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